

Leicester, Massachusetts, June 6. 1858

Dear friend Webb -

Send the "Anti-Slavery Advocate" to the following additional names -

Miss Mary Rice, Concord, Mass, U.S.A.

Mrs. Lucy Hoffman, Lyndon Centre, Vermont, U.S.

Rev. Mr. Angier, Concord, Mass, U.S.

Mr. J. Brown Jr, Concord, Mass, U.S.

The subscriptions of the two first named commenced April 1st; of the others June 1st. I have supplied the April & May numbers; please transmit the June number to all four immediately on receipt of this, & so on regularly. The subscriptions for these are all paid by one person - the lady first named.

Mr. Fliggison says he would like to have the new "Woman's Journal" sent to him ("English Woman's Journal", you give the name), if it can be. Let it begin with the first n^o, and be sent to this address, - J. W. Fliggison,
Worcester, Mass, U.S. - If you find it is

too bulky a work to come by Mail, please let me know, and he can order it through a bookseller. Otherwise, ^{for 1 year} pay, & let me know amt.

I sub forwarded to Mr. Bailey (of the Kentucky News) Mr. Jacob's donation. I sent Five Dollars, which is something over £1., the sum I was directed to send. But \$4.80, or 85, is an inconvenient sum to send, and in a general way here, we are accustomed to consider

your pound sterling, and Five Dollars of
our Money, as identical. If I have
not done right, let me know, and I
will "make it right".

This is execrable paper,
and I will write to you upon it
no more.

In Mr. Bailey's reply to me, he
said he would soon write to Mr. Jacob.
But as he may omit to do so, I think
I will enclose to you the one he sent me,
which if you choose you can send to
Mrs. J.

In yours of April 16th (the
last I have received from you) you
say that my ~~next~~ previous one to
you had "grieved" you; at which I
do not greatly wonder, in the
circumstances. The whole subject
of Mr. Chapman's dealing with the
Bazaar is, almost universally with
us, a painful one. I am not
willing to believe her chargeable with
intentional wrong to any one connected
with the cause, nor to the cause itself.
But I do think that she did a
very grievous injustice to her
associates in carrying on the Bazaar,

and that she violated the whole spirit of the movement by the arbitrary manner in which she acted. I say this to you, because I have said it, fully & substantially, to herself, and to her sister Miss Deborah Weston. And I assure you that the reasons assigned by them for this abrupt and ~~autocratic~~ autocratic course do not make the thing appear at all better to me. The substance of those reasons being that it was the only way to do the thing! -

Clearly then this denotes that the termination of the Bazaar was, with Mr. C., a foregone conclusion; and that she was aware ^{that} the interest in it, on the part of a large number of our most intelligent ladies, was such that ^{its abolition was} it, brought to their consideration and submitted to their action, it could not have

been effected! There are very few indeed among us who favour the abolition of the Bazaar. I know of but one person, out of Mrs. Chapman's family, who has really been of opinion that it should be terminated; - I do not say there are not others, but I know them not.

I rehearse this to you, simply because you are entitled to know the full and simple truth of the matter. When I first wrote to you of Mrs. C.'s plan of giving up the Bazaar, I did so, you will recollect quite in confidence, for I did not then feel sure that it would be effected. Afterwards I learned that certain energetic Ladies, among the Bazaar Managers, being quite hurt at Mrs. Chapman's course (she having never, in any manner, conferred

with them on the subject) had said
 that they intended to go on, and to
 do just as they had done, in
 collecting materials and interesting
 people in the Bazaar. — My own
 judgment, too, had brought me to the
 conclusion that I ought not (in my
 official responsibility to the cause) to
 stand still, & see this efficient
 instrumentality struck down, without
 protest, ^{nor} ~~and~~ without summoning
 the Ladies of the Bazaar Committee
 to the Conference which they were,
 in common courtesy, entitled to
 have, upon the subject. — This
 my judgment I submitted to
 four of our best male heads.
 After a careful consideration of
 the whole ground, I was advised
 not to proceed to call the Ladies
 together — ^{1st}. Inasmuch as ~~that~~
 such a movement should ~~clearly~~ come
 from them; but had not; and

that Mrs. Chapman's New Method
(of obtaining aid for the American
Anti-Slavery Society) was already on
the stocks, so to speak, about to be
launched, and it would be neither
wise nor suitable in us to do
anything to hinder its prosperous
start and voyage. I was convinced
by these arguments, and the
matter was dropped. Of the
precise nature of Mrs. Chapman's
plans, no one as yet seems to be
fully aware. My belief is that it
will involve to herself harder labour
than she has ever performed for the
Bazaar. — You and others will
doubtless wonder that the signatures
of the ladies to her new plan were
so generally obtained. I know it
was a difficult thing to obtain some
of them, and I believe that the
persuading motive with the most
of them was, To bear and forbear,
to yield and co-operate, in a case

where no moral principle was
involved, for the good of the cause.
It is supposed that, if Mr. C.'s
plan does not work advantageously,
an effort will be made hereafter to
resuscitate the Bazaar. — I wrote
to you, therefore, as I did, in that
letter which "grieved" you, because
at that time such was the aspect
and the prospect of our A. S. affairs,
and I thought it but just to intimate
to you the real state of things, that
you and other foreign friends might
not go too far in considering the Bazaar
abolished. It appears however
that Mr. C.'s letters to you had been
of such a positive & decided
character, as left you no room for
doubt or hesitation, and you
accordingly had made in the "Advocate"
your announcement of the same.
When that number of the "Advocate"
reached America, it found on our

part a state of ~~the~~ mind quite
consentaneous. The idea of holding
a Bazaar next Winter seemed to be
so ^{unadvisable,} ~~strongly~~, - in the existing circum-
stances, that we were exactly
prepared to meet your announcement
with pleasure. Not quite so
Mr. Chapman, I think. - She,
believe, would have preferred to have
the whole thing pass with but little
mention, or notice, - and pass out
of existence by a sort of strangulation
or series of successive smotherings
all places where work for our Bazaar
had been done. - I presume that
you, shortly after despatching to me
yours of April 16, received one from
me, which re-assured you that you
had not been too fast in your
editorial announcement. - I heard
nothing from you, since you of that.
You will perhaps notice that Mrs.
Wendell Phillips has not signed Mr.
Chapman's new manifesto. She,

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on her sick bed, contended stoutly
and to the last against Mrs. C.'s
determination.

I have thus endeavoured to
give you a full insight - brief -
into our mental & spiritual trials
on this subject. I shall hardly
care to go over the ground again,
in letter, to Miss Wigham & Miss Estlin.
So if you will be kind enough to
allow those ladies to see what I have
herein written to you, I shall take it
as quite a favour. Besides them, I
would prefer it should not pass beyond
your own family. I think that
the counsel of Miss Estlin, that our
British & Irish co-workers should go on
as usual, and send their donations
to Phil^a, was a good one, especially
if the Boston Bazaar ever ^{is} ^{to} be revived.
I hope too that matters may be so
arranged, that a good Fair for the Am.
A.S. Society may be held next winter in the
city of New York. — But neither

New York, nor Philadelphia, are
nor will they ever be, half so good
places as Boston for holding an
Anti Slavery Fair. - New England
is at present, and long must remain,
the principal fountain of moral
ideas, and of all genuine reformatory
movements, in this country, and the
principal source, here, of the supplies
needful for carrying such into effect.

We hear of the safe arrival in
England of the friends by whom I
sent the "photograph" &c. And I
hope that you have received them
long before this.

I am exceedingly obliged and
grateful to Miss Wigham for her
kind note, which came with your
last. It was full of the spirit of
genuine self-consecration to goodness
and to Righteousness and to Duty,
and I trust her devout good
wishes and prayers for our Cause,
and for its wise guidance, may
be answered.

I have been greatly delayed in
the matter of writing to you. Yours
came to hand April 30. We were
then in the midst of preparations for
our Annual New York Meeting.
A fortnight after that meeting
came on our New England Convention.
Both made me a great deal of
work, both before & after. They
were both admirable meetings; the
one in Boston particularly so, and
crowded beyond all precedent. Our
Cause is alive, you may be sure of
that, and likely to be, while such
galvanic shocks are given to the
people as are now being administered
by Buchanan's Government, by
the American Tract Society, and
by the efforts of Southern Statesmen
to give to the New African Slave
Trade the protection and aid of
this Government and Country.
- A great deal of windy talk has

been recently uttered at Washington
and elsewhere, on the subject of the
search and visitation of American
vessels by British armed cruises.

The national feeling on this subject
is invoked, and cunningly used
by the Slave trading gentry, to further
their ends. But I trust that
Great Britain will not be in the
least deterred from prosecuting her
purpose of breaking up the Slave
Trade. Let her hold the United

States firmly to their agreement to
participate in the work. Let the
eyes of the whole world be turned
upon the spectacle, - if it must be so
of England engaged in suppressing the
Traffic in Slaves, and the American
Republic ⁱⁿ upholding & protecting it
and God defend the Right, say

- I have no love of Country; if my
Country deliberately upholds villainy
piracy, and all infernalism. But
I believe it will not follow Bichana
in this last villainy.

Love to you all, Saml May Jr